

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1485 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY THOMAS, AUGUST 10, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, AUGUST 10, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), entitled "An
 2 act relating to tax reform and State taxation by codifying
 3 and enumerating certain subjects of taxation and imposing
 4 taxes thereon; providing procedures for the payment,
 5 collection, administration and enforcement thereof; providing
 6 for tax credits in certain cases; conferring powers and
 7 imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue, certain
 8 employers, fiduciaries, individuals, persons, corporations
 9 and other entities; prescribing crimes, offenses and
 10 penalties," in educational tax credits, providing for
 11 oversight.

12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 13 hereby enacts as follows:

14 Section 1. The act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as
 15 the Tax Reform Code of 1971, is amended by adding a section to
 16 read:

17 Section 1708.1-F. Oversight.

18 (a) Organizations.--An organization listed in section 1707-F
 19 that has received contributions from business firms granted a
 20 tax credit under this article shall report the following to the
 21 Education Committee of the Senate and the Education Committee
 22 and Commerce Committee of the House of Representatives by
 23 September 1 of each year:

1 (1) Out of the funds contributed to an organization by a
2 business firm for a tax credit under this article, the number
3 of scholarships and amount of funds expended by an
4 organization during the immediately preceding school year.

5 (2) The name of each participating public school or
6 participating nonpublic school that received funds described
7 in paragraph (1) from the organization during the immediately
8 preceding school year, along with the amount received.

9 (3) Assurance that the organization complies with
10 applicable Federal and State antidiscrimination laws.

11 (b) Participating schools.--A participating public school or
12 participating nonpublic school that received a scholarship or
13 funds from an organization under this article shall report the
14 following to the Education Committee of the Senate and the
15 Education Committee and Commerce Committee of the House of
16 Representatives by September 1 of each year:

17 (1) The number of scholarships or amount of funds
18 received during the immediately preceding school year.

19 (2) The name of each organization that contributed a
20 scholarship or funds to the school during the immediately
21 preceding school year.

22 (3) Annual growth as measured by the Pennsylvania Value
23 Added Assessment System for the school year in which the
24 participating school received a scholarship or funds.

25 (4) Incidents of violence at the school during the
26 school year in which the participating school received a
27 scholarship or funding.

28 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.